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become a part of the constitution if it is accepted by a majority of the people voting upon it at the next general election.

S. GALE LOWRIE.

Legislative Reference: Nebraska. Nebraska, in continuation of the work already begun by the state historical society, has, this winter, established a state legislative reference bureau. The new bureau is affiliated with the department of political science and sociology and with the college of law of the University of Nebraska. The director is appointed by the board of regents of the university and his tenure of office and rank are similar to that of a professor at the head of a university department. The law distinctly states that training in legislative reference and in knowledge of Nebraska institutions be provided for university students of the above designated departments, with practical experience during legislative sessions. The requirements for the work of the bureau are stated in detail and are similar to those of such bureaus as are already established. Bill drafting is included and a point is made of special service upon municipal subjects for the use of city and village officials and other citizens. The bureau is to be housed with the university except for the months which are immediately devoted to preparatory and actual work with the legislature, when more convenient rooms will be provided by the board of public lands and buildings.

This new department, with its proximity to the university, its definite educational affiliations and aims, its broad scope of work distinctly outlined and the absence of political influence in the matter of appointments, has every opportunity for a future of definite usefulness to the state. To carry on the work for the next two years, approximately \$11,000 has been appropriated.

ETHEL CLELAND.

Municipal Charter Revision: Newark. A proposed charter for the city of Newark, which was the result of much discussion among the civic organizations of the city, was presented for the consideration of the New Jersey legislature of 1911. The act, in form a permissive statute applicable to all cities of the first class, failed of passage, but it is believed by its friends that substantial progress was made toward its ultimate adoption.

The "commission" consists of a mayor and four commissioners. The mayor is elected for two years while the commissioners hold